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1974 (NOTAL); (C) BONN A-171 OF APRIL 2, 1974

(NOTAL)

1. THE EMBASSY HAS PREPARED THE FOLLOWING BIOGRAPHY OF DR. HANS-GEORG WIECK, IN PARTIAL RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST IN PARA 3 OF REF A. SIMILAR DATA ARE CONTAINED IN REFS B AND C.

2. THE FRG CABINET DECIDED IN ITS FEBRUARY 2 MEETING TO TRANSFER WIECK FROM TEHRAN TO MOSCOW, REPLACING AMBASSADOR ULRICH SAHM. THE FRG HAS NOT YET ANNOUNCED WHETHER THE USSR HAS GIVEN AGREEMENT FOR WIECK'S APPOINTMENT.

3. WIECK WAS BORN IN HAMBURG-ALTONA ON MARCH 28, 1928. HE CONCLUDED HIS STUDIES IN HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY AND PUBLIC LAW WITH A DOCTORATE IN 1953, AND HE JOINED THE GERMAN FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1954. AFTER TRAINING FOR THE

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SENIOR SERVICE, WIECK SERVED ON THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S SOVIET DESK (1957-1959), THE FRG MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK (1959-1960), THE POLITICAL SECTION OF THE FRG EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON (1960-1965), AND THE MINISTRY'S INNER-GERMAN RELATIONS AND BERLIN OFFICE (1965-1966).

4. IN MID-1966 FOREIGN MINISTER GERHARD SCHROEDER (CDU) MADE WIECK HIS CHEF DE CABINET. WHEN SCHROEDER BECAME MINISTER OF DEFENSE LATER THAT YEAR, HE TOOK WIECK WITH HIM, AGAIN AS CHEF DE CABINET. WHEN THE SPD/FDP COALITION ASSUMED POWER IN 1969, THE NEW DEFENSE MINISTER, HELMUT SCHMIDT (SPD), RETAINED WIECK AS HIS CHEF DE CABINET AND SOON MADE HIM DIRECTOR OF THE MINISTRY'S PLANNING STAFF, A POSITION HE HELD FROM JULY 1970 TO JANUARY 1974. IN THAT CAPACITY, WIECK DIRECTED SCHMIDT'S PROJECTS FOR STOCK-TAKING AND REFORM OF THE BUNDESWEHR, AND THE WRITING OF FOUR ANNUAL WHITE BOOKS ON THE FRG ARMED FORCES AND FRG SECURITY POLICIES. IN THAT TIME, WIECK BECAME AN EXPERT ON OFFSET, MBFR, AND BUNDESWEHR ISSUES.

5. WIECK RETURNED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON FEBRUARY 1, 1974. SINCE JUNE OF THAT YEAR HE HAS REPRESENTED THE FRG AS AMBASSADOR TO TEHRAN.

6. THERE HAS BEEN SOME SPECULATION IN BONN THAT WIECK, WHO IS CLEARLY IDENTIFIED AS A CDU SYMPATHIZER, HAS BEEN NAMED TO THIS KEY DIPLOMATIC POST BY AN SPD/FDP GOVERNMENT. ONE OF THE CHANCELLOR'S ADVISORS INFORMED US THAT SCHMIDT, WHOSE CONSENT WAS NECESSARY FOR THIS APPOINTMENT, AGREED FOR TWO REASONS: (A) WIECK IS A FIRST-RATE DIPLOMAT AND (B) THERE WAS NO SPD CANDIDATE FOR THE JOB WHO WAS OF EQUAL CALIBER.

7. WIECK SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH AND GOOD FRENCH. HE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPORTEDLY HAS STUDIED RUSSIAN. WIECK MARRIED THE BRIGHT AND CHARMING FORMER ANNELIESE DIETZ OF FRANKFURT IN 1958; THEY HAVE FOUR CHILDREN. FRAU WIECK HOLDS AN INTERPRETER'S DEGREE AND SPEAKS ENGLISH, FRENCH, AND SPANISH. IN BONN, THE WIECKS WERE AN ATTRACTIVE AND VERY SOCIAL COUPLE, FRIENDLY TO AMERICANS.

8. WIECK'S PERSONAL HOBBIES ARE HISTORICAL BOOKS AND SPORTS (HORSEBACK RIDING, TENNIS, HUNTING, AND SQUASH). STOESEL

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